

Appendix 1: Definitions of Global and State Ranks

GLOBAL RANKS

RANK #	EXTANT POPULATIONS	DESCRIPTION
G1	1-5	Critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extinction.
G2	6-20	Imperiled globally because of rarity or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extinction throughout its range.
G3	21-100	Either very rare and local throughout its range or found locally (even abundantly at some of its locations) in a restricted range (e.g., a single physiographic region) or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extinction throughout its range.
G4	100-1000	Apparently secure globally, though it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.
G5	1000+	Demonstrably secure globally, though it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.
G?	-	Unranked, or rank uncertain.
G_Q	-	Questionable taxonomic assignment.
T_	-	The rank of a subspecies or variety. As an example, G4T1 would apply to a subspecies of a species with an overall rank of G4, but the subspecies warranting a rank of G1.